

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
BEAUFORT DIVISION**

RICHARD ALEXANDER  
MURDAUGH, JR.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

BLACKFIN, INC., WARNER BROS.  
DISCOVERY, INC., WARNER  
MEDIA ENTERTAINMENT PAGES,  
INC., and CAMPFIRE STUDIOS, INC.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 9:24-cv-04914-RMG

**MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF  
MERYL C. GOVERNSKI AND KRISTIN  
BENDER AS COUNSEL OF RECORD  
FOR THE WARNER DEFENDANTS**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(b) and Local Rule 83.I.07, D.S.C., Defendants Blackfin, Inc. (“Blackfin”), Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. (“WBD”), Warner Media Entertainment Pages, Inc. (“Warner Media”), and Campfire Studios Inc. (“Campfire”) (together, “Defendants”) hereby respectfully move for an Order withdrawing Meryl C. Governski of Dunn Isaackson Rhee LLP and Kristin Bender of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP (together, “Attorneys Governski and Bender”), as counsel of record for Defendants in this matter. Attorneys David E. Dukes and Merritt G. Abney of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP will continue to represent Defendants in this action. No party will suffer prejudice or delay as a result of the withdrawal of Attorneys Governski and Bender.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned counsel certifies that they consulted with Defendants, as required by Local Rule 83.I.07, D.S.C. Defendants have consented to the withdrawal of Attorneys Governski and Bender as counsel, with David E. Dukes and Merritt G. Abney of Nelson Mullins Riley &

Scarborough LLP consenting to the withdrawal of Attorneys Governski and Bender as counsel and agreeing to continue representation of Defendants in this action.

The undersigned counsel further certifies that they consulted with Plaintiff's counsel, as required by Local Rule 7.02. Plaintiff's counsel has consented to the withdrawal of Attorneys Governski and Bender as counsel, with David E. Dukes and Merritt G. Abney of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP continuing to represent the Warner Defendants in this action.

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